

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
September 6, 2026 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation;
For you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25: 4-5



RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN** *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”* (UMH # 176)

Majesty, worship His majesty Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority Flow from His throne, unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high The name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King
Majesty, worship His majesty Jesus who died, now glorified King of all kings

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Be still, and know that God is God

In the stillness, we remember who we are, and whose we are.

The Lord will fight for us, we need only be still.

We release our distractions and rest in God’s presence.

Let us worship in quiet trust.

God is here.

HYMN *“Jesus Loves Me”* (UMH # 191)

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

OPENING PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8: 1-9, ESV

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 9: 1-2, ESV

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20: 1-9 ESV

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

³ May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!

⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

⁶ Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

⁸ They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

⁹ O Lord, save the king!



MESSAGE

“Church Clothes”

Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

CONFIRMATION

District Superintendent: Rev. Jessica Baldyga

HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving

DS Rev. Jessica Baldyga

Table I, (UMH # 9)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with you always
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ is given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ is given for you. Amen.
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to
give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

MUSICAL REFLECTION

HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

(FWS #2051)

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
5. In the Middle Ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.

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PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Reconciling God, you mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy, and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. As you delivered your children at Passover and taught your church to seek peace with one another, teach us to live in our “church clothes” every day-clothed in patience, truth, and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Hear I am Lord”

(UMH # 593)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a lone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
ere I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

BENEDICTION (pastor)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You, the Lord Make His Face to Shine Upon You And Be Gracious to You. The Lord Lift up His Countenance Upon You And Give you Peace. Numbers 6: 24-26

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace” (Amy Lloyd)

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Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com to submit updates or additions to the church website.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 33

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Mon. Sept 07 Labor Day
Sun. Sept 13 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Sept 13 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Tues. Sept 15 6:00 pm United Women of Faith; Fellowship Hall
Sun. Sept 20 8:00 am Men's Breakfast; Fellowship Hall
Sun. Sept 20 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Sept 20 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun. Sept 27 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Sept 27 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 06 Greg and Angie Smith Sept 09 Elias Boggs
Sept 09 Joyce Craft

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, or cereal bars; canned soup; canned pasta; mac and cheese; shampoo; and antiperspirant. Cash donations are always welcome.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Sept 06 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
Sept 13 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister
Sept 20 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
Sept 27 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

SERVICE PROJECTS

Contact Susannah or Denise if you would like the confirmation kids to come to you to do a service project.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Considering giving to the Food Pantry jug at the back of the sanctuary. Their rent has increased. Make checks payable to Macon UMC, memo line: pantry. September is Macon UMC's volunteer time at the pantry. See Connie Baker to sign up.

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS for September

Sept. 12 Eugene Mura; Connie Baker
Denise and Brad Hunt
Sept. 19 Chad and Sheila Rappe`
Garry and Christine Cutler
Sept. 26 Ross and Susannah Moyer
Grace and Henry Moyer

